

SSB 5048 - S AMD 162

By Senator Zeiger

ADOPTED 03/23/2017

1 On page 68, line 28, increase the General Fund--State
2 Appropriation (FY 2018) by \$22,000.

3 On page 68, line 29, increase the General Fund--State
4 Appropriation (FY 2019) by \$22,000.

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6 Adjust the total appropriation accordingly.

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8 On page 73, after line 19, insert the following:

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10 "(12) \$22,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for fiscal
11 year 2018 and \$22,000 of the general fund-state appropriation for
12 fiscal year 2019 are provided solely for a legislative-executive
13 WorkFirst poverty reduction oversight task force during the 2017-2019
14 fiscal biennium.

15 (a) The primary goals of the task force are to:

16 (i) Reduce the overall percentage of people living below two
17 hundred percent of the federal poverty level by fifty percent by the
18 year 2025. The task force must work toward this goal in a manner that
19 seeks to eliminate disparities including, but not limited to,
20 disparities by race, ethnicity, sex, gender, zip code, immigration
21 status, age, household type, and disability status; and

22 (ii) Prevent and address adverse childhood experiences and the
23 trauma of children who are living in poverty through the provision of
24 effective services.

25 (b) The task force shall include diverse, statewide representation
26 and its membership shall reflect regional, racial, and cultural
27 diversity to adequately represent the needs of all children and

1 families in the state. The task force shall consist of the following
2 members:

3 (i) Two members from each of the two largest caucuses of the
4 senate;

5 (ii) Two members from each of the two largest caucuses of the
6 house of representatives;

7 (iii) One governor appointed representative from each of the
8 following agencies: (A) The department of social and health services;
9 (B) the department of early learning; (C) the department of commerce;
10 (D) the employment security department; (E) the office of the
11 superintendent of public instruction; (F) the department of
12 corrections; and (G) the state board for community and technical
13 colleges;

14 (iv) One governor appointed representative from each of the
15 following agencies to serve in an advisory capacity to the task force:
16 The department of health, the health care authority, and the workforce
17 training and education coordinating board; and

18 (v) One or more representatives of tribal governments.

19 (vi) The cochairs of the intergenerational poverty advisory
20 committee created in this subsection shall serve as voting members of
21 the task force.

22 (c) The task force shall choose cochairs, one from among the
23 legislative members and one from among the executive branch members.
24 The legislative members shall convene the initial meeting of the task
25 force.

26 (d) The task force shall:

27 (i) Oversee the partner agencies' operation of the WorkFirst
28 program and operation of the temporary assistance for needy families
29 program to ensure that the programs are achieving desired outcomes for
30 their clients;

31 (ii) Determine evidence-based outcome measures for the WorkFirst
32 program, including measures related to equitably serving the needs of
33 historically underrepresented populations, such as English language
34 learners, immigrants, refugees, and other diverse communities;

1 (iii) Develop accountability measures for WorkFirst recipients and
2 the state agencies responsible for their progress toward self-
3 sufficiency;

4 (iv) Review existing statutes, administrative codes, and budget
5 appropriations for their impact on advancing the goal of fifty percent
6 poverty reduction by 2025;

7 (v) Seek input on best practices from service providers,
8 community-based organizations, legislators, state agencies,
9 stakeholders, the business community, and subject matter experts;

10 (vi) Collaborate with partner agencies to share and analyze data
11 and information collected from other sources regarding
12 intergenerational poverty in the state, with a primary focus on data
13 and information regarding children who are at risk of continuing the
14 cycle of poverty and welfare dependency unless outside intervention is
15 made;

16 (vii) Make recommendations to the governor and the legislature
17 regarding:

18 (A) Policies to improve the effectiveness of the WorkFirst program
19 over time;

20 (B) Early identification of those recipients most likely to
21 experience long stays on the program and strategies to improve their
22 ability to achieve progress toward self-sufficiency; and

23 (C) Necessary changes to the program, including taking into
24 account federal changes to the temporary assistance for needy families
25 program;

26 (viii) Direct the department of social and health services to
27 develop a five-year and ten-year plan to address intergenerational
28 poverty, subject to oversight and approval by the task force. Upon
29 approval by the task force, the department must submit these plans to
30 the governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature by
31 December 1, 2018; and

32 (ix) No later than December 1, 2018, provide a report to the
33 governor and the appropriate committees of the legislature on the
34 progress being made towards the goals identified in this section.

1 (e) Staff support for the task force must be provided by senate
2 committee services, the house of representatives office of program
3 research, and the state agency members of the task force.

4 (f) The task force shall meet on a quarterly basis, or as
5 determined necessary by the task force cochairs.

6 (g) Legislative members of the task force are reimbursed for
7 travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative
8 members are not entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses if they
9 are elected officials or are participating on behalf of an employer,
10 governmental entity, or other organization. Any reimbursement for
11 other nonlegislative members is subject to chapter 43.03 RCW.

12 (h) The expenses of the task force must be paid jointly by the
13 senate and the house of representatives. Task force expenditures are
14 subject to approval by the senate facilities and operations committee
15 and the house of representatives executive rules committee, or their
16 successor committees.

17 (i) During its tenure, the state agency members of the task force
18 shall respond in a timely manner to data requests from the cochairs.

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20 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct any
21 internal references accordingly.

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EFFECT: Funding is provided to create the Intergenerational
Poverty Advisory Committee to 1) Reduce the overall percentage of
people living below two hundred percent of the federal poverty level
by fifty percent by the year 2025; and 2) Prevent and address
adverse childhood experiences and the trauma of children who are
living in poverty through the provision of effective services.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$44,000 GF-S
FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK IMPACT: \$44,000 GF-S

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